



URBAN DISTRICT OF FLEET

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Sanitary Inspector

for 1951



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Sanitary Inspector:

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1951.

Area : 3,694 acres.

Population : 9091 (estimated mid-year 1951)—(census 1951—9018)

Number of inhabited houses : 2541.

Sum represented by penny rate : £318.

Rateable value : £78,714.

General rate : 19/10d in the £.

Birth rate : 15.7 (crude) : 20.5 (standardised).

Death rate : 13.7 (crude) : 12.8 (standardised).

Infantile death rate per 1,000 births : Nil.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis : 4.

Deaths from other Tuberculous Diseases : Nil.

Tuberculosis death rate: Pulmonary—0.44 : Non-Pulmonary—Nil.

The Medical Officer of Health's Report for 1951

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Fleet Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1951, which is prepared in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 42/51.

The population figure given by the Registrar-General is 9091 which is the figure on which the birth and death rates must now be calculated. The census figure is 9018.

The birth and death rates remain more or less steady.

The deaths from Cancer are 30 as compared with 18 for 1950, but no conclusion can be drawn from this.

There were no deaths in infants under one year.

Infectious Diseases.

There have been no cases of diphtheria in the District since 1946, when there were two. The one case of Poliomyelitis (encephalitis), referred to later in the report, was a young girl of 10 who died suddenly and tragically after a very short fulminating attack.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	139	72	67
Illegitimate	4	2	2
Birth rate (per 1,000 population) = 15.7			

Still Births.	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	4	2	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Rate (per 1,000 total births) = 27.2			

Deaths.	Total	Male	Female
	125	56	69
Rate (per 1,000 population) = 13.7			

Deaths from Puerperal causes : Nil.

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate	..	..	..	Nil.
Illegitimate	..	..	..	Nil.

Deaths from Cancer : 30.

Deaths from Measles : Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough : Nil.

Deaths from Infantile Paralysis : 1.

BIRTH RATES.

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT		England & Wales Birth Rate
	No. of Births	Birth Rate	
1947	139	16.3	20.5
1948	154	18.2	17.9
1949	139	16.4	16.7
1950	146	12.8	15.8
1951	143	15.7	15.5

DEATH RATES.

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT		England & Wales Death Rate
	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	
1947	113	13.2	12.0
1948	99	11.7	10.8
1949	105	12.4	11.7
1950	135	11.9	11.6
1951	125	13.7	12.5

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT			England & Wales Rate per 1,000 Births
	Births	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 births	
1947	139	6	43.1	41
1948	154	3	19.4	34
1949	139	2	14.3	32
1950	146	4	27.3	29.8
1951	143	—	—	29.6

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1951.

						M.	F.
Tuberculosis—respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	—	1
Cancer—stomach	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Cancer—lung, bronchus	..	..	..	..	..	6	—
Cancer—breast	..	..	..	..	..	—	1
Cancer—uterus	..	..	..	..	..	—	2
Cancer—other	..	..	..	..	..	8	8
Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system			..	..	..	10	14
Coronary disease, angina		..	..	..	..	11	8
Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Other heart diseases	..	..	..	..	..	3	9
Other circulatory diseases		..	..	..	..	—	1
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	—	4
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	6	1
Other diseases of respiratory system			..	..	..	—	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		..	..	..	..	1	8
Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
						—	—
				Total	..	56	69
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Deaths of infants under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	—	—

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1951. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	Fleet
BIRTHS : (Rates per 1,000 Home population) :		
Live Births	15.5	20.5
Still Births	0.36	0.44
DEATHS :		
All Causes	12.5	12.8
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.01	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.31	0.44
Influenza	0.38	0.11
Smallpox	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis (inc. Polio-encephalitis)	0.00	0.11
Pneumonia	0.61	0.44
Notifications (corrected)		
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.02	0.00
Meningococcal infection	0.03	0.00
Scarlet Fever	1.11	0.55
Whooping Cough	3.87	6.93
Diphtheria	0.02	0.00
Erysipelas	0.14	0.22
Smallpox	0.00	0.00
Measles	14.07	12.54
Pneumonia	0.99	4.84
Acute Poliomyelitis (inc. Polio-encephalitis)		
Paralytic	0.03	0.11
Non-Paralytic	0.02	0.00
Food poisoning	0.13	0.00
DEATHS. (Rates per 1,000 Live Births)		
All causes under 1 year of age	29.6	0.00
Enteritis and diarrhoea under 2 years of age ..	1.4	0.00
Notifications (corrected) (Rates per 1,000 total (Live and Still Births)		
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	10.66	0.00

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

There are two District Nurses (Miss MacMonigall and Miss Phillips), who are qualified midwives, and since the 5th July 1948, have been under the jurisdiction of the Hampshire County Council.

There is also a Home-help service in operation, and this is administered by a County Council Organiser with headquarters at Farnborough. Home-helps in Fleet, Hook, Farnborough and Aldershot, are on call for full or part-time service in the area, and the local practitioners, as well as the District Nurses co-operate in the scheme, which is working well.

During 1951, 23 families in the district received domestic aid from the service. (Maternity—7; general sickness—6; aged and infirm—5; post-hospital—4; child welfare—1).

This area, for general hospital purposes, comes under the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Fleet and District Hospital contains 33 beds (9 male, 14 female, 6 children's and 4 private wards), and provides general medical and surgical treatment. There is a separate children's ward. There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical and medical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area, who attend at the hospital.

Cases of Infectious Diseases are treated at Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital. The newly constituted ambulance service provides for removal of patients to hospital through the local depots at Aldershot and Farnborough.

The County Council is responsible for Tuberculosis, School Medical Services, Mental Deficiency, Venereal Diseases, Maternity and Child Welfare, Orthopaedic Services, and the care of premature infants and illegitimate children.

The special clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the Manor Park House, Aldershot, by the County Council.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester (telephone 3807), and the Director is Dr. R. D. Mackenzie. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water, etc., are carried out at the Borough Analyst's Laboratory, Southampton, by arrangement with the Southampton County Borough Council. This arrangement has worked satisfactorily.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

Fleet : Clinics are held at the schools as required.

Venereal Diseases:

Women : Held every Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m. at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Men : Held every Monday, 5.0 p.m. to 7.0 p.m. at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Tuberculosis Clinic:

Held every Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. and Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Child Welfare:

The first and third Thursday in every month at the Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.

Ante Natal:

The second and fourth Friday in every month at the Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.

The County Council Health Visitor and School Nurse is Miss B. B. Harrington, H.V., S.R.N., S.C.M., and for the Crookham Ward, Miss E. Simpson, H.V., S.R.N., S.C.M.

Outside the District but serving the area, Orthopaedic Clinics for school children and infants are held at Farnborough and Aldershot, on alternate first Tuesdays in every month, and School Eye Clinics are held by the County Council at Aldershot as required.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor if they wish, and prophylaxis is provided free on demand to the Doctor. Clinics held at the schools would appear to be more successful in getting school children immunised and also for giving “ booster ” doses. Children under school age can still be immunised at the fortnightly child welfare clinic.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were 229 notifications of infectious diseases during the year, compared with 121 in 1951. Measles and Whooping Cough accounted for more than two thirds of the notifications, the incidence of Measles being very marked.

One case of poliomyelitis occurred in a girl aged 10 years. It was of the cerebral paralytic type and the child died in hospital.

Again no cases of diphtheria were notified. The district has been free from this once dreaded disease since 1946

Comparative Tables.

Disease	1950	1951
Scarlet Fever	8	5
Pneumonia	55	44
Measles	8	114
Whooping Cough	47	63
Erysipelas	1	2
Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis) ..	2	1

There were 6 admissions to hospital—2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 infantile paralysis and 3 with whooping cough and pneumonia.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed the course of immunisation during 1951 was 138 (126 under 5 years of age and 26 aged 5-14 years). 213 children were given "booster" doses.

In the early months of the year a check was carried out at the schools in the district with the result that some 222 children were treated either by "booster" doses, which formed the largest number of treatments, or by the full course. The majority of the children were treated at three special school clinics whilst the private doctors in the area did the ones where the parents so elected. It seems that an annual check in the schools is likely to yield better results than by any other method and it will be continued.

The private practitioners continued to co-operate by carrying out immunisations where the parents desire it.

It is estimated that 75% of the child population (under 15) have been immunised at some time or other.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases notified during the year was 7 pulmonary as against 6 pulmonary in 1950. One of the pulmonary cases was a transfer from another district.

Comparative Tables of New Cases and Deaths.

Year	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY
1947	4	3	4	1
1948	10	1	2	1
1949	6	1	—	—
1950	6	—	2	1
1951	7	—	2	2

Venereal Diseases.

No cases of Venereal Diseases were specially brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

Infestation.

No cases of nits or scabies were reported to the Department.

There is no doubt that the newer hair preparations are very efficacious in keeping the hair free from infestation in young children.

Disinfection.

4 rooms were disinfected after notifiable diseases or on request.

Climate and Meteorology.

Although no figures for Fleet itself as regards rainfall and sunshine are available, by kind permission of the Director and Meteorological Officer of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, I have set out the figures relating to the rainfall and sunshine of the Farnborough District. It is not suggested that these figures are strictly applicable to Fleet but I think it may be presumed that they are sufficiently accurate to be a guide. The figures are as follows :—

Month	Rainfall (m.m.)	Sunshine (hours)
January	85.4	51.4
February	136.7	59.9
March	98.9	85.3
April	66.9	187.5
May	71.7	153.4
June	25.7	249.4
July	46.9	207.7
August	112.9	161.2
September	57.6	91.7
October	21.7	91.5
November	188.0	66.1
December	56.5	45.2
	—	—
	968.9	1450.3
Total	==	==

The total rainfall is equivalent to 38 inches.

In conclusion I wish to thank Mr. Smale, your Sanitary Inspector, for his excellent and continued help in the Department.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. WALMSLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1952

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1951

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Fleet Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1951 and my fifth as your Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report :—

“(1) Water is supplied for the whole area by the Mid-Wessex Water Company and is obtained from wells in the chalk at Itchel and Greywell.

An adequate supply for all purposes without restriction was maintained throughout the year.

(2) Samples of water were taken regularly and frequently by the Company before and after treatment at the works, and in supply. They were examined chemically and bacteriologically by their resident Chemists and Bacteriologists and in addition samples were submitted to an independent specialist for report at regular intervals.

The reports during the year on all samples of treated water at the works and in supply have shown a consistently high standard of organic and bacterial purity.

Precautionary chlorination treatment is applied continuously at all sources.

(3) The water distributed in this area is a normal chalk derived water and has no plumbo-solvent action.

(4) No action was necessary, so far as the Company was concerned to deal with any form of contamination.”

Four houses previously using a communal well were provided with a separate main supply and the well was closed. Some 34 houses still have a well supply.

Water Sampling.

(a) Public Main Supply.

The four quarterly samples of the Mid-Wessex Water Company's main supply were taken from different parts of the district, and all were reported satisfactory. The hardness figures for the four samples were 10.3 degrees (Clarke's Scale), 12.8, 9.4 and 11.6.

(b) Swimming Pool.

One sample of water was taken from the public open-air swimming pool at the Fleet Country Club, Cove Road, Fleet. It was reported satisfactory both chemically and bacteriologically.

(c) Sewage Works Effluent.

The Military Authorities continued to take monthly samples of the effluent from the Military Sewage Disposal Works at Crookham and results of the analysis were received by the Department. They were reported satisfactory.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I am indebted to your Surveyor, Mr. J. D. Chivers, for the following report :—

“The sewage works and sewerage installations have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Owing to excessive wet weather minor alterations have been carried out at the disposal works to deal with the storm water treatment through the tanks and land irrigation area.

A scheme has been prepared for the construction of 12 concrete sludge drying beds at the sewage works as the existing earth lagoons are inadequate to deal with the present flow of sewage and it is hoped that this work when carried out will result in a better sample of effluent from the sewage works.

Modification to the silencing arrangements of the ejectors in Avondale Road have been put in hand owing to flood water entering the existing silencer.

Tenders were obtained for the main drainage extension in Crookham (part 1) and the Council accepted the tender of Mr. William Young of Wraysbury. The work was commenced in June and very good progress has been maintained in spite of considerable quantities of water in the ground to be dealt with.

Public Cleansing.

Regular weekly collection of refuse and salvage was maintained throughout the district.

The following table shows the sales of salvage since 1946.

Year	Total Sales	Average Monthly Sales
1946	£834/11/5	£69/11/0
1947	£871/9/6	£72/12/5
1948	£914/18/2	£76/18/2
1949	£745/0/0	£62/1/7
1950	£530/0/0	£44/3/3
1951	£1462/0/0	£121/17/5

This year the income from salvage has greatly improved, due to prices for salvage paper being substantially increased. The weekly special collection of paper from shops was re-introduced and the collection of paper for the year amounted to 92 tons.

Owing to the built-up areas of the district it is proving very difficult to find a new site within the district for a refuse tip and at present no alternative site has been found."

HOUSING.

There was no improvement in getting repairs done under notices from the Department. Many owners of property (particularly of small cottage type) find great difficulty in meeting the cost of even urgent repairs and this inevitably means delay in carrying out repairs although labour shortage for this type of repair work also causes delay.

Details of inspections made and notices served will be found in succeeding paragraphs.

Housing Act 1936.

There was no change in the conditions regarding the dwelling houses represented under Section 11 of the Act during the years 1948 and 1949.

Details of housing inspections, notices served etc., will be found in a succeeding paragraph.

Housing Building Progress.

Your Surveyor (Mr. J. D. Chivers) has kindly supplied the following report:—

"During the year the following erection of houses were completed.

Council housing—Permanent houses.

Scheme No. 11—Reading Road South—Messrs. Eggleton	..	6
Scheme No. 12—Guildford Road—Mardles & Sons	..	1
Total	..	7

Houses under Construction.

Sceme No. 13—Coxheath Housing Site.

A contract was placed with Messrs. Oliver & Son of Basingstoke for the erection of 20 houses on the above site and work has been commenced.

Total Number of Post War Houses built in the district.

Council Houses	..	..	..	..	111
Private enterprise	..	..	..	..	52

One further licence was issued during the year for private enterprise dwellings."

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. F. C. London) for the following report :—

“There is little of interest to report for the year ending December 1951.

Only six new houses were completed during the year and consequently little impression was made on the Council's waiting list of applicants.

36 additional applications were received during the year, and it would appear therefore that the list made a net gain of 30.

It is known however that several families have been housed by neighbouring local authorities and one or two others have made their own arrangements.

Requisitioned property remained fully occupied and the demand for temporary accommodation was constant throughout the year.”

Caravans.

During the year an application was received for a licence under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936 to develop a site of 2 acres of wooded land in Grange Road, Crookham, as a caravan site. Planning permission was obtained and a licence granted for a period of five years subject to certain conditions regarding water supply, sanitary accommodation, drainage and refuse disposal.

The licence was for 13 caravans spaced in clearings of woodland and it is the intention of the operator to develop the land as a garden caravan site. At the end of the year site preparation works were being carried out but not more than six caravans have been stationed on the site at any one time. The conditions have been quite satisfactory.

The policy of the Council with regard to individual sites for caravans is based on that of the County Planning Committee and licences are only granted in respect of sites on which it is the intention of the owners to build houses when building licences are issued.

This policy, allied to the licensing of the site already referred to, should have the effect of preventing the indiscriminate parking of caravans in the district.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council continued to participate in the work of the North East Hants Workable Area Committee for Rodent Control and quarterly meetings were held in the four districts represented on the Committee.

Locally, a free service to both business and private premises continued to be given during the year.

The annual test baiting of the sewers, in a different part of the district from that surveyed last year, revealed no sign of infestation.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below :—

					Rats	Mice
Complaints of infestation received	..	..	..		169	47
Visits of inspection	..	..	..		169	47
Visits for baiting and extermination		..	..		1034	211
Premises cleared of infestation	..	..	..		169	47
Bodies recovered	..	..	..		256	193
Estimated kill	..	..	..		1115	251

Pest destruction.

Complaints continued to be received about the nuisance from mosquitoes particularly in the vicinity of Fleet pond. The Military Authorities sprayed the Pond on two or three occasions and the Department arranged for the treatment of ditches and small pools near the Pond.

Four houses were treated for beetles and one for ants.

SHOPS.

The County Council are responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing and other provisions of the Shops Acts, except for the sanitary provisions contained in Section 38 of the Shops Act 1950, which is administered by the Local Sanitary Authority.

The provisions of the latter section are carried out and 5 inspections were made during the year.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Five dwelling houses with pail closets were provided with new disposal arrangements, 3 by connections to the sewer and 2 by connection to new cesspools in the unsewered parts of the area. In addition 1 dwelling house with cesspool drainage was connected to the sewer and 1 new house was provided with cesspool drainage.

Difficulties were experienced in the unsewered areas, particularly in Crookham, due to cesspools becoming waterlogged during the very wet periods. Only frequent emptying alleviated the situation in many cases but only the provision of sewers, already being undertaken in the Crookham and Fitzroy Road and Reading Road North areas, will ensure a permanent solution.

Crookham Sewerage Extension Scheme.

The scheme was started in June and at the end of the year the length of sewer between the site of the new pumping station in Hitches Lane and Fleet Road, Crookham had been laid. In addition the construction of the pumping station had been started.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

There are two producers of milk situated within the Urban District, one of whom produces Tuberculin tested milk which is sold wholesale to a dairy in another district, and the other produces ungraded milk.

There are 4 retailers, one of whom has registered premises in an adjoining district. 108 inspections of cowsheds and dairies were carried out during the year and informal action only was necessary to secure compliance with the statutes.

25 samples of milk were taken for adulteration and none were found to be adulterated. Details of all samples, including milk taken for adulteration, will be found in a later paragraph.

The amount of raw milk sold in the area was further reduced when when one of the large dairies arranged for pasteurising his Tuberculin Tested supply. It is estimated that about 95% of the milk supply of the district is heat treated.

During the year one of the two large dairies in the area was in the process of being re-organised and improved. This will, ultimately, result in the milk being untouched by hand from supply to delivery to the consumer.

Sampling.

A total of 51 samples were taken with the following results :—

Designation	No. of Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	36	36	—	35	1
Tuberculin Tested (pasteurised) ..	15	15	—	15	—
Totals ..	51	51	—	50	1

The results show an excellent record, as only 1 sample failed the phosphatase test and then due to technical circumstances at the Laboratory.

Of 19 bottled samples (all pasteurised), seven were from the three schools in the area. All passed the prescribed tests.

No action was required under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949, which provides for action where milk is suspected of having caused disease in human beings.

Designated Milk.

The following licences were in force at the end of the year.

Pasteurised (including	}	1 Dealer's (Pasteuriser's)
Tuberculin Tested pasteurised)		4 Dealer's

The one pasteurising establishment in the area is licensed by the Local Authority on behalf of the County Council.

Ice Cream.

Twenty six premises are registered for the retail sale of ice cream under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938. One café also manufactures and retails ice cream from specially adapted and separate premises. 37 inspections of all premises were carried out and no contraventions of the above statute nor of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 were found.

In all but 3 of the premises registered for the sale of ice cream, only a pre-packed article is sold.

Six samples of ice cream (4 loose and 2 wrapped (un-opened)) were submitted for bacteriological examination. All the samples were in provisional grade 1.

On March 1st 1951, the Food Standards (Ice Cream) Order 1951 came into force. The County Sampling Officers submitted one sample of ice cream for " quality " standard and this complied with the order.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

The meat supply of the district continues to be distributed from the Farnborough and Aldershot slaughterhouses. There was a slight improvement in the handling of carcasses and offals during delivery to butchers.

During the year 751 inspections of all types of food premises were made and details of the number of visits to the different classes of premises are given in a subsequent table. The food premises generally were maintained in a cleanly condition and no resort to statutory action was found necessary to secure remedying of the few contraventions found.

There are nine premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938, for the preparation of preserved food etc.

Byelaws.

In 1950 the Council made Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938. Every food establishment was supplied with a copy of the byelaws and no statutory action was necessary to ensure compliance with them.

The following articles of food were surrendered and destroyed as being unfit for human food :—

Meat (carcase) and offal	126 lbs.	Fish		35½ stone
Meat (canned)	.. 4 lbs.	Fish cakes		18 doz.
Ham (canned)	.. 64 lbs.	Eggs		488
Pressed beef	.. 62 lbs.	Pearl barley		5 lbs.
Poultry	.. (1 turkey)	Gelatine		4½ lbs.
Sausages (pork)	.. 26 lbs.	Cheese		26 lbs.
		Tinned foods (various)		568 tins.

Food poisoning.

There were no outbreaks or cases of food poisoning reported in the district during the year.

(c) Adulteration etc.

The County Council is the responsible Authority.

I am indebted to Mr. C. O. Perry, Chief Inspector, for the following report :—

The following is a list of the samples taken within the Fleet Urban District during the year.

Article	No. of Samples taken	
	Genuine	Unsatisfactory
Butter and other Fats	4	—
Drugs	1	—
Milk	25	—
Sausages and other Meat Products	3	—
Ice Cream	1	—
Other Foods	6	—
Total	40	—

The 25 milk samples contained an average of 3.95% Milk Fat and 8.88% Non-Fatty Solids.

GENERAL SANITARY INSPECTION WORK.

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table.

Premises Inspected. No. of inspections.

Re Water Supply	8
Drainage	192
Stables and Piggeries	6
Factories	105
Moveable dwellings	20
Refuse collection (dustbins) and disposal	77
Rats and Mice destruction	13
Shops (re Shops Acts)	5
Schools	3
Swimming pools	2
River pollution	3
Pest extermination	11
Keeping of animals	2
Infectious diseases	32
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	27
Miscellaneous other visits	12
Smoke observations and nuisances	6

Meat and Food Inspection.

Butchers shops	146
Fishmongers and Fishfriers	103
Grocers	22
Greengrocers	5
Dairies	108
Bakehouses	75
Confectioners	2
Ice cream premises	37
Food preparing premises	124
Cafés and canteens	70
Licensed premises	3
Miscellaneous milk visits	32
Miscellaneous food visits	28

Dwelling Houses.

Under Public Health Acts	49
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	184
Re : over-crowding	1
Re-visits re : overcrowding	1
Miscellaneous housing visits	9

Total 1575

Drainage.

Alterations, additions and repairs	..	..	..	37
Drain stoppages cleared	..	..	..	84
Drain tests (water and smoke)	..	..	..	79
Cesspools emptied	..	..	..	234
Cesspools (loads)	..	..	..	278

The Rodent Operator also carries out the work of unstopping drains, on request, at a charge to the occupier of 2/- per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of Public Health nuisances.

Cesspools are emptied at a cost to the occupier of £1/0/0 per load of 750 gallons. The work is carried out under contract to the Council by a private contractor (The Hampshire Cleansing Service). This arrangement works well.

Complaints.

Housing defects	..	..	..	..	..	25
Rodent infestation	..	..	..	..	..	210
Drainage (general)	..	..	..	..	..	7
Drainage (obstructed drains)	..	..	..	..	..	95
Pests (general)	..	..	..	..	..	22
Dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	2
Water supply	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disinfections	..	..	..	..	..	4
Public Health nuisances (general)	..	..	..	..	..	10
Food (general)	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total						379

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1. **INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of inspections
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	12
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	44	93
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—
Total ..	50	105

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.	
	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	5	5
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		2
(a) insufficient	1	1
(b) unsuitable or defective ..	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	3	3
Total ..	9	11

Factories Act 1937.

Two certificates under Section 34 (Means of Escape in case of Fire) were issued by the Council in respect of two factories in the district.

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

Form of Notice	Number served	Premises	Defects
Informal			
(a) Sanitary defects ..	74	78	215
(b) Others	—	—	—
Total ..	74	78	215
Statutory			
(a) Sanitary defects ..	7	11	50
(b) Others	—	—	—
Total ..	7	11	50

In conclusion I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support and to your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Walmsley. I also express to your Clerk and Surveyor, my thanks for their continued co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

F. E. SMALE,
Sanitary Inspector.

July, 1952.

